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SUMMARY. DRC ON NOVEMBER 5 REVIEWED 1974-1978 TURKISH FORCE PLANS AS PRESENTED IN TURKISH REPLY TO DPQ(73). CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) STATED PERCENTAGE OF GNP TURKEY DEVOTED TO DEFENSE (APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT) IS LAUDABLE FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITH RELATIVELY LOW PER CAPITAL INCOME. CHAIRMAN CITED UNIQUE TURKISH PROBLEMS OF STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC POSITION, LARGE LAND MASS, AND COMMON BORDER WITH SOVIET UNION. CHAIRMAN ALSO RECOGNIZED IMPACT OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE UNCERTAINTY ON FUTURE TURKISH DEFENSE PLANNING. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED WITH CALL FOR CONTINUED ALLIED SUPPORT TO TURKEY DURING ITS CURRENT TRANSITION FROM EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED DEFENSE PROGRAM TO MIXTURE OF EXTERNALLY AND NATIONALLY BASED PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

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1. DEFENSE SPENDING. FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN'S GENERALLY FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH DEFENSE SPENDING, NORWEGIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS REQUESTED REAL TERM RATE OF INCREASE FOR 1973 TURKISH DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND QUESTIONED USE OF 6.6 PERCENT FOR INFLATION RATE

IN POST 1973 PERIOD. ANSWER WAS DEFERRED PENDING YEAR-END DETERMINATION OF TURKISH INFLATION RATE; IS FINANCIAL EXPERT SAID 6.6 PERCENT RATE WAS PROVIDED BY GOT. IN RESPONSE TO US REP QUESTION, TURKISH REP STATED THAT TL 16 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION. TURKISH REP ALSO DESCRIBED TWO CATEGORIES FOR FUTURE TURKISH FORCE PLANNING. THE FIRST INVOLVES CAPABILITIES FUNDED FROM EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND SECOND INVOLVES THOSE SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL RESOURCES TO INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS, ANTI-TANK, AIR DEFENSE, PARTICIPATION IN A STANAVFORMED AND 2 SQDNS F-4E'S. TWOFOLD APPROACH IS INTENDED TO OFFSET PARTIALLY HIGH DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED WITH FORCE PLANNING BASED UPON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE.

2. ARMY. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT TURKISH ARMY IS MEETING 1973 NATO COMMITMENT BUT IS SHORT OF NATO FORCE GOALS 1973-1978. SHORTFALLS ARE MAINLY QUALITATIVE, ESPECIALLY APPARENT IN ANTI-ARMOR AND AIR DEFENSE AREAS. SHAPE REP CITED LACK OF MODERNIZED EQUIPMENT IN TURKISH ARMY AS WELL AS DEFICIENT OPERATIONAL STOCKS AND ALMOST NON-EXISTENT NBC DEFENSES. RESPONDING TO NETHERLANDS AND ITALIAN REPS' QUESTIONS CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF TURKISH ARMY AND STATUS OF RESERVE FORCES, TURKISH REP AGREED TO FURNISH NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF WITH PERSONNEL TABLE BREAKING OUT TOTAL END-1973 ARMY STRENGTH OF 393,000. DRC REPS GENERALLY AGREED THAT REALIZATION OF TURKISH PLANS TO MEET NATO FORCE GOALS DEPENDED LARGELY ON DELIVERY OF MODERN EQUIPMENT THROUGH FOREIGN AID.

3. NAVY. CHAIRMAN COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH NO TURKISH NAVAL FORCES EARMARKED TO NATO, NAVAL FORCES UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND FELL SHORT OF GOALS INDICATED LAST YEAR. TURKISH REP POINTED OUT THAT NAVY NOW HAS 14 GUPPY CLASS SUBS WITH 2 ADDITIONAL 1,000-TON SUBS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN FRG AND A THIRD PLANNED, FOR PROJECTED TOTAL OF 17. TURKISH REP FURTHER STATED THAT BY 1978 NAVY WOULD HAVE 18 FAST PATROL BOATS, 7 EQUIPPED WITH HARPOON AND 4 WITH PENQUIN MISSILE SYSTEMS.

4. AIR FORCE. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT AIR FORCE IS MEETING 1973  
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NATO COMMITMENT, THAT REPLACEMENT OF F-84F BY F-100C AIRCRAFT IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, THAT OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE (70-90 PERCENT) AND MANNING LEVELS (80 PERCENT) OF COMBAT UNITS ARE HIGH, AND THAT 117 OF 221 PLANNED AIRCRAFT SHELTERS WILL BE COMPLETED BY END-1974. CONVERSELY, CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT AIR FORCE WOULD FALL SHORT OF NATO FORCE GOALS FOR 1978 BY 2 ATTACK SQDNS, 2 RECCE SQDNS, 1 AIR DEFENSE SQDN AND 6 LOW ALTITUDE SAM BATTERIES FOR PROTECTION OF AIRBASES AND MISSILE SITES. CHAIRMAN FURTHER STATED THAT EXCEPT FOR PROVIDING F-4ES WITH ECM CAPABILITY, NO OTHER PLANS EXIST FOR INTRODUCING ECM. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED LACK OF PROGRESS IN GOT ESTABLISHMENT OF RECEPTION/SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR AIR COMPONENT OF ACE MOBILE FORCE (AMF). UK REP SUGGESTED THAT RECEPTION/SUPPORT DIALOGUE AT IMPASSE BECAUSE OF NO TURKISH

PROVISION FOR POL FOR AMF. TURKISH REP RESPONDED THAT POL QUESTION IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT IS NOT ONLY ISSUE TO BE WORKED OUT BY TURKEY, UK AND US IN BILATERAL TALKS. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF BILATERAL TALKS WERE PROPER FORMAT FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. UK REP SUGGESTED THAT SINCE AMF INVOLVED, TALKS SHOULD BE MULTI-LATERAL AND COORDINATED BY SHPE. SHAPE REP ALSO STATED THAT TURKISH RECCE AIRCRAFT OBSOLETE, OPERATIONAL STOCKS VERY LOW, AND THAT WOTHOUT EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE, AIR COMBET CAPABILITY WILL DECLINE CONSIDERABLY.

5. WAR RESERVE STOCKS. CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT BOTH ARMY AND AIR FORCE STOCK SITUATION WAS POOR. HE NOTED PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENTS FORCEAST BY NATIONAL FUNDING AND REFERRED TO PROPOSAL, DISCUSSED DURING TURKISH TRILATERAL, FOR RATIONALIZATION OF AMMUNITION PRODUCTION AMONG GREEKS, TURKS, AND ITALIANS.

6. US REP RECALLED TURKISH REP'S REMARK ABOUT STANAVFORMED AND ASKEDIF GOT HAD DECIDED TO BE A FULL-TIME PARTICIPANT IF FORCE WERE TO BE FORMED. TURKISH REP REPLIED HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT OTHER ECONOMIC PROBLEM WAS SOLVED, GOT WOULD IN NEAR FUTURE, MAKE SUCH A DECISION.

7. CHAIRMAN REITERATED NEED FOR RECEPTION FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR REINFORMCEMENTS AND BELIEVED FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ACE MOBILE FORCE, FOLLOWED BY ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL REINFORCEMENT FORCES.  
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